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AFFORDABLE CARE ACT

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In This Issue!

In this issue of *ACA Implementation News*, we provide information about the November 2014 PEAK enhancements and links to training opportunities for CBMS Users and PEAK Users. Additionally, we have shared the resources provided by the Department at the Colorado Health Foundation's Building Better Health: Enroll 2015 conference.

As a reminder, please send us your ACA implementation questions/suggestions so we can provide timely and relevant information to you. Questions, comments and suggestions should be sent to ACAImplementation@hcpf.state.co.us for inclusion in upcoming issues of *ACA Implementation News*.

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News of Note

PEAK Enhancements November 2014

The following enhancements are coming the Colorado.gov/PEAK on November 9, 2014.

Single, Dynamic Online Application

Consumers will be able to apply for health coverage using a single dynamic online application whether they apply through Colorado.gov/PEAK or ConnectforHealthCO.com. This includes single account username and password sign-on capability for PEAK and Connect for Health Colorado. To learn more about the Shared Application and Eligibility Process, click [here](#).

Eligibility Results

When applicants receive real time eligibility results, it will indicate if they qualify for Medicaid, Child Health Plan *Plus* (CHP+), or federal financial assistance to help pay for health insurance purchased through Connect for Health Colorado, including eligibility for Advanced Premium Tax Credits (APTCs) and Cost Sharing Reductions (CSRs).

Enhanced User Experience

Hover text throughout the application will mean better ease of use for clients.

PEAK Account Client IDs

To create a PEAK account, clients will have the option to use their Client ID number in lieu of a Social Security Number or State ID, if necessary. The Client ID is a 7-9 digit number that is unique to all clients and will be printed on benefit letters after November 9.

Program Additions in PEAK

Five programs serving young children and their families that will be added to PEAK include:

- Nurse Family Partnership (NFP)
- Healthy Steps
- Home Instruction for Parents of Preschool Youngsters (HIPPY)
- Parents as Teachers (PAT)
- Colorado Preschool Program (CPP)

For more information the November 2014 enhancements to PEAK, including a training calendar and sneak peek of the new PEAK logo, go to Colorado.gov/PEAK then click on Resources, then PEAK News or by clicking [here](#).

Training for CBMS Users Available Now

The Staff Development Center is hosting online and in-person training opportunities that will prepare you for the changes coming to CBMS on November 9. These **critical trainings** cover what you need to know about the 2015 Open Enrollment Period, the new Shared Application and Eligibility Process for Medical Assistance, and the Medicaid Quality Assurance Improvement program. It is strongly recommended you complete this training **prior** to the November 9 build.

What you'll learn in the training:

- What you need to know about the **2015 Open Enrollment Period** and how it will impact you
- Explanation of the **Shared Application and Eligibility Process for Medical Assistance**, how the new process will impact CBMS and Colorado.gov/PEAK, and what these changes mean for Medical Assistance applicants
- Review of the important **changes coming to Colorado.gov/PEAK** and how the changes will affect CBMS users
- Overview of **changes coming to the Medical Assistance Paper Application** and what you'll need to be prepared for
- Review of the **Medicaid Quality Assurance Improvement** to reduce errors in determining eligibility

Register **today** for an upcoming training opportunity at TrainColorado.com. Questions regarding this communication may be directed to soc_staffdevelopment@state.co.us

Building Better Health: Enroll 2015 Resources Available Online

The Department would like to thank all participants in the Colorado Health Foundation's Building Better Health: Enroll 015 conference this week. Hundreds of health coverage guides, assistance site navigators, certified application counselors, brokers, agents, community-based organizations and health advocates joined together at Colorado's kick-off conference for the 2015 health coverage open enrollment period, beginning Nov. 15, 2014.

For those of you unable to attend in person all presentations and handouts provided at the conference by the Department are available online now at the links below.

- [Medical Assistance 101 Overview of Medicaid and CHP+](#)
- [CHP+ 201 Deeper Dive into CHP+](#)
- [Medicaid 201 Deeper Dive into Medicaid Programs](#)
- [What to Expect after a Medicaid or CHP+ Approval](#)
- [BBH One-Pager Medical Assistance 101](#)
- [BBH One-Pager CHP+](#)
- [BBH One-Pager After an Approval](#)
- [BBH One-Pager Medicaid 201](#)

To access the materials shared by the Department visit: Colorado.gov/hcpf/training-topics-reference-documents-and-guides then scroll down to Building Better Health: Enroll 2015 Conference Materials.

All other session materials can be found here: Coloradohealth.org/BBHResources.



2014 November Enhancements Training for PEAK Users

The PEAK Outreach Team will be a series of in-person training sessions across the state between October 17 and November 10.

Each session will detail November 2014 PEAK enhancements, and you'll learn about how the application process is being streamlined to enhance the PEAK-user experience, including:

- More dynamic application process
- Single application process for Colorado Medicaid/CHP+ and Connect for Health Colorado Financial Assistance
- Program additions to Am I Eligible?, the application and eligibility screening tool
- Improvements to application design, in-application help, account sign-in and benefit management capabilities

To register for the in-person regional events, visit PEAKOutreach.eventbrite.com.

For more training information and resources from the PEAK Outreach Team visit: tinyurl.com/peakoutreach.

To contact the PEAK Outreach Team email: PEAKOutreach@bouldercounty.org.

Connect for Health Colorado 2015 Plan Renewal Information

Beginning October 1, Coloradans who purchased private plans began to receive notices if their carrier is changing or no longer offering their plan. Beginning October 20, Connect for Health Colorado and carriers will be sending communications to clients outlining what to do to make sure they do not have a break in 2015 coverage.

1. If a client's plan is being offered in 2015, they are happy with it and Connect for Health Colorado has been able to redetermine the client's federal tax credit, then the client will not need to do anything—their coverage will be auto-renewed by December 15 for 2015 coverage, **OR**
2. If a client's plan has been discontinued and/or Connect for Health Colorado have been unable to redetermine the client's federal tax credit, the client will need to shop for a 2015 plan and reapply for financial assistance.

Connect for Health Colorado anticipates the majority of their customers will choose to 'auto-renew.'

Partners can find more information on the renewal process on the [Connect for Health Colorado website here](#).

Additionally NEW consumer geared FAQs can be found on Colorado.gov/Health or by clicking [here](#).

Resources

Division of Insurance FAQs

New frequently asked questions regarding the 2015 private insurance rates from the Division of Insurance have been posted to Colorado.gov/Health. The FAQs address how rates are assessed and how the 2015 rates compare to the 2014 rates. You can also access the FAQs by clicking [here](#).

New Information for Employers

New frequently asked questions regarding the federal employer responsibilities have been posted to Colorado.gov/Health. The new [I am an Employer](#) page addresses which employers must provide coverage to their employees or face a federal penalty, what constitutes a full time employee and what new options small businesses have to provide coverage their employees. For more information [click here](#) or visit IRS.gov/uac/Affordable-Care-Act-Tax-Provisions-for-Employers.

From Coverage to Care Resources

[From Coverage to Care](#) is an initiative being spearheaded by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) to help people with new health care coverage understand their benefits and connect to primary care and the preventive services that are right for them. CMS has created a series of [short videos](#) that describe how to use your coverage, pick a provider, prepare for your appointment and other helpful tips. We encourage you to share these resources with your stakeholders, clients and patients. The videos can be found on Colorado.gov/Health or by clicking [here](#).

Reminders

New Joint Communications Webinar Online Now

The [Department of Health Care Policy and Financing, Division of Insurance and Connect for Health Colorado](#) have recorded and posted a new joint communications webinar.

The webinar discusses how community partners can talk about the 2015 open enrollment period. The webinar also provides an overview of the consumer geared resources available to partners.

The new recorded webinar can be found on Colorado.gov/HCPF/Health-Care-Reform → Presentations or by clicking [here](#). You can also download slides by clicking [here](#).

You can submit your questions following the webinar to:

ACAImplementation@hcpf.state.co.us

PEAK November Enhancements Webinar

This webinar is for Community-Based Organizations, Counties, and Medical Assistance (MA) sites and will provide an overview of the enhancements clients will see in PEAK after November 9, 2014.

Date: Friday, November 7, 2014

Time: 10:00AM-12:00PM

Registration: [Click here to register.](#)